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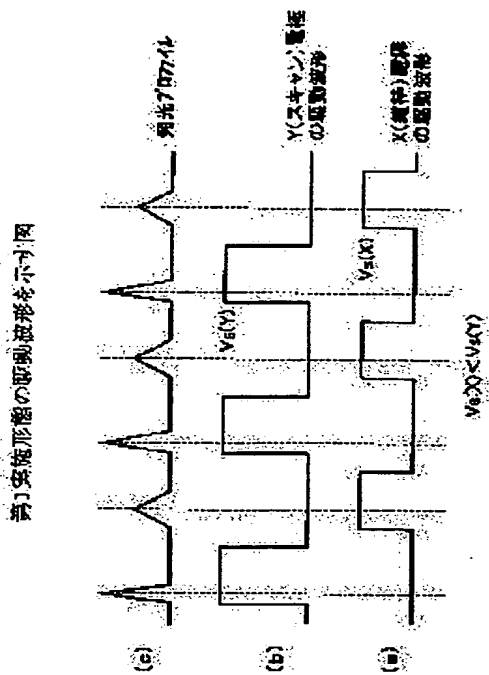
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(54) PLASMA DISPLAY PANEL AND ITS DRIVING METHOD



(57)Abstract:

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To reduce the degradation over time of the operating margin of a PDP (plasma display panel) device caused by the change in the characteristic over time of the surface of the protective layer of a PDP.

**SOLUTION:** A plasma display panel is provided with: a plurality of first electrodes which are arranged on a substrate along a first direction; a plurality of second electrodes which are arranged among the first electrodes respectively, a plurality of third electrodes which are arranged in a direction intersecting the first direction; and a dielectric layer which covers the first electrodes and the second

electrodes and has a protective layer covering the surface of the dielectric layer. In the driving method for the plasma display panel, the plasma display is controlled so as to perform addressing discharge among the first electrodes and the second electrodes and to perform sustaining discharge among the first electrodes and the second electrodes. In such a case, the plasma display panel is driven in a way that, with respect to the sustaining discharge, discharge strength when the second electrodes are used as anodes becomes smaller than discharge strength when the first electrodes are used as anodes.

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